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November 1st, 1919

Acting President O. E. Klinck,
University of Saskatchewan.

Dear Dr. Klinck:

Some time ago a graduate of our University came to see me with regard to writing some articles in Maclean's Magazine with the purpose of setting before the country the need of increasing the salaries of Professors. I told him that I would give him any help that I could in the matter, that I was sure other Universities would co-operate in endeavouring to put the case of the Professors as favourably as possible before the public.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

October 30th, 1919

Dean Line,
University of Saskatchewan.
Dear Dean Line:

Could you let me know your practice in regard to the option for matriculation for a candidate whose native language is other than English ? Do you allow him, that is to say, to keep English and one foreign language as the two languages in addition to his own for matriculation ?

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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October 27th, 1919.

Dear Sir Robert,

I have had letters dated September 25th and October 21st from Maclean's Magazine. In these letters inquiries have been made regarding minimum and maximum salaries paid to the staff, the number of members, contemplated increases in the staff and in salaries. In connection with these questions it was stated that Maclean's Magazine are cooperating with you to secure the preparation of some figures which may help to secure larger alaries for University professors.

May I ask whether it is right for us to assume this cooperation? We shall be very glad to cooperate with you in connection with the raising of University salaries or rather of securing public support which will justify the raising of the salaries, but I feel less interested in the matter if it is purely a proposition of Maclean's Magazine.

Yours truly,

Acting President.

Sir Robert Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

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Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

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November 3rd, 1919.

Dear Sir Robert,

In reply to your letter of October 30th I beg to say that the foreign languages which are optional for our matriculation are French, German, Greek, Icelandic, Latin. The Icelandic was added to the list principally in order that Icelandic students might avail themselves of their knowledge of their native language.

So far as I know no cases have come up of students wishing to substitute any language except the Hebrew for a required matriculation or undergraduate foreign language. Some of our Jewish students have asked us to allow them to substitute Hebrew, but we have refused it. This hardly constitutes a policy, but at any rate it exhibits our practice. We have never specifically dealt with the general principle, because we have no students offering us Italian, Spanish or the European languages other than French or German. The students who speak French or German, of course, have not brought the

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question up as they face our ordinary requirements without raising any question.

Yours truly,

F.W. Lucy

Acting President.

Sir Robert Falconer,

President, University of Toronto,

Toronto.

November 8th, 1919

H. Laureys, Esq.,
Secretary of the Canadian Committee for the Restoration of
the University of Louvain,
228 St. Denis Street,
Montreal.

My dear Sir:

The letter which you wrote on behalf of the Canadian Committee for the Restoration of the University of Louvain was read to the Board of Governors of the University of Toronto at its last meeting, and I have been instructed to write to you that the Board sympathizes very deeply with the University of Louvain and are hopeful that the appeal to private individuals through the Dominion for the restoration of the University will be successful. Inasmuch, however, as the University of Toronto is supported by the Province of Ontario and has to receive authority from the Province for the expenditure of the money at its disposal the Governors are unable to divert any of their funds for this project such as they sympathize with it. Regretting that I am unable to give you a more favourable reply, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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December 8th, 1919.

Dean A. H. Lloyd,
Graduate School, University of Michigan,
Ann Arbor, Mich.

My dear Dean Lloyd:

The scale of salaries on which we are at present working, though not finally approved by the Board of Governors, is as follows:

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| Lecturers, who correspond to your Instructors, | $1600 - $2500 |
| Assistant Professors | 2500 - 3200 |
| Associate Professors | 3200 - 4000 |
| Full Professors | 4000 - 4800 |
| Heads of departments in charge of laboratories | 5000. |

This is 25% increase on the scale that he had up till the 30th of June, 1919.

With kind regards to Mrs. Lloyd and your daughters, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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December 31, 1919.

President Robert A. Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear President Falconer:

Somewhat tardily I wish to thank you for your helpful reply to my letter inquiring about salaries, written to you on December 5. As a matter of fact, I have waited until I could send you definite information as to results here.

At their last meeting, our Regents adopted the following minima:

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| Instructors . . . . . | $1500 |
| Assistant Professors . | $2500 |
| Associate Professors . | $3500 |
| Full Professors . . . . | $4000 |

I am venturing to send you with this letter, but under separate cover, a copy of an article dealing with professorial budgets and other matters relative to the whole salary question, by Professor Karpinski of this University.

Yours very cordially,

Alfred H. Lloyd

Chairman, University Senate
Committee on Salaries.

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February 7th, 1920.

Dear Sir Robert,

We have been considering some new appointments at the University and President Murray, who, as you probably know, has decided not to resume routine work immediately, mentioned to me Kingdom of your department of Physics as being a likely man for appointment in the department of Physics here. I understand from him that Professor MacLennan will probably be anxious to retain him, but in any case I should be glad to have an expression of opinion from you with respect to him. We have two positions in Physics to be filled, a junior professorship at $2700 rising to $3200 and an assistant professorship from $2000 to $2500. I have not written to Professor MacLennan regarding these.

We shall be looking for men in several other departments also, and it may be that you have heard from some members of the staff rexpecting vacancies. There will be an appointment of a professorship in Latin, one in French, one in Mathematics. I shall be glad if you would mention men you have available for these places and give an opinion regarding their qualifications as teachers and in research work.

Dr. Murray mentioned Dr. Beatty of the department of Mathematics, but I was of the opinion that you were probably paying him more than we could offer. What information I

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have regarding him would make me think that he would be a very acceptable man, but I suppose he would not be available. I shall be glad also to hear your opinion of Pounder or of any other Mathematical man who you think would be useful to us in this position.

Yours very truly,

E. W. Lucy

Acting President.

Sir Robert Falconer,

University of Toronto,

Toronto, Ont.

February 14th, 1920

Acting President G. E. Ling,
University of Saskatchewan,

Dear Dr. Ling:

I had been worrying for a week or two about President Murray, but was glad to hear in an indirect way that matters are improving, and that he personally is in a very much better condition than he has been, and I am glad to know also that he is not to undertake his full work for some time.

I have always heard Professor McLennan speak in the highest terms of Hingston. I only know Hingston very slightly; I have met him, talked with him, and would regard him as a very good type of man. It would seem to me that he would fill the position in Physics very well, though probably Professor McLennan would want to retain him if he can.

Since beginning this letter Principal Hutton has told me that he has written to you about possible men in Latin, and he undoubtedly knows the field very much better than I do. Your letter gave me no indication of the grade of man you wish, but from what Principal Hutton tells me I judge that it is a junior position that you wish to fill. I will keep the matter in mind and if I hear of any one I will let you know.

I always find that it is difficult to get people for French as almost for any other positions, and I am afraid I know no one because this winter we have been at our wits end to supply our needs and when we have had sickness we have not known what to do. Is the position in French also a junior position ? If so, would it not be well to take one of the best teachers in the schools, men or women ? We have got good satisfaction from one or two teachers whom we have had.

Yours sincerely,

President.

June 1st, 1920

Acting President Line,
University of Saskatchewan.

My dear Dr. Line:

I drop this note to you for the purpose of saying that we did not use any means to induce Mr. Lipari from accepting the offer in Romance Languages that you made to him. I felt that I could not honourably do so after what you had told me in April. He showed me your offer, and I told him that I thought he ought to accept it, and if he refused that we could not necessarily give him an increase on that account other than that which would ordinarily come. He has since received an offer from the University of Wisconsin, but I understand that he wishes to remain in Toronto.

Yours sincerely,

President.